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5 Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekends Coming Up!

By Red Feather Herald Staff

The first Ordeal Induction weekends for the new Coosa Lodge will be held on the following dates and locations:

June 2-4 Camp Comer
June 23-25 Camp Jackson
July 14-16 Camp Westmoreland
August 25-27 Camp Comer
September 15-17 Camp Winnataska

The June 2-4 ordeal is being held for candidates called out in 1999 who were not able to complete their Ordeal last year.

Each Ordeal will officially begin at 6 PM Friday, and conclude by 10 AM Sunday. The cost for the weekend for a member is \$10, which covers food, etc., and is payable at registration Friday evening. A letter will be given to each

Ordeal candidate called out this year, instructing them on how to register for the Ordeal they wish to attend.

A Brotherhood Class and Ceremony will also be offered at each Ordeal weekend for those eligible to participate. Brotherhood candidates will need to bring an additional \$12 for their Brotherhood sash. If you know of any Ordeal members who are eligible to seal their membership, please let them know!

The Lodge needs your participation and support at any or all these service weekends! We have a lot of work to do at each of our council camps, so make plans to attend - who knows...you may miss out on something if you're not there!!

National Leadership Seminar set for September 15th thru 17th!

By Red Feather Herald Staff

Coosa Lodge has been invited to participate in the upcoming National Leadership Seminar (NLS) on September 15 - 17 in Brandon, Mississippi, just outside of Jackson. This NLS will be held specifically for the lodges in Section SR-8, which includes all lodges in Mississippi and Alabama. As the largest lodge in SR-8, we have been allotted the largest delegation - we can take no more than 8 youth members and 4 adults.

If you are considering running for Lodge or Tribe Office this year, this Seminar is a must! If you are interested in attending, please contact the lodge adviser, James Flatt, at (256) 881-5607 or at drflatt@aol.com. Priority will be given to those members who are planning on running for lodge or tribe office this fall, and have not previously attended an NLS.

Coosa's Ready for NOAC 2000

By Red Feather Herald Staff

It won't be long now - the first Coosa Lodge contingent to a NOAC will be leaving for the University of Tennessee - Knoxville in late July to meet with 6,000 other Arrowmen across the country! A week of fun, fellowship, patch trading, and learning about new and better ways to serve our units and council awaits our 50 lodge delegates - it will be a trip to remember!

There still may be a few youth slots available, so if you are a youth member interested in attending, please call or

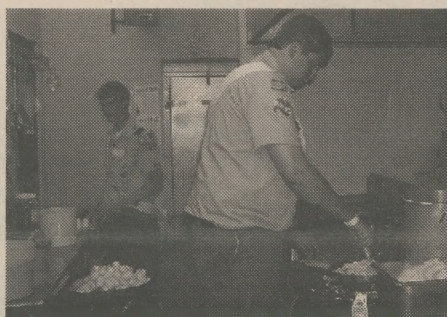
email our lodge adviser, James Flatt, at (256) 881-5607 or drflatt@aol.com. The total cost for the NOAC is \$300. If you are not able to attend, you still may be able to order some of the memorabilia from the NOAC - please check the official OA web site at www.oa-bsa.org.

A Coosa Lodge NOAC 2000 flap will be available to our delegates before the NOAC, and will also be available to the lodge general membership after the NOAC - Look for it soon!

Coosa Lodge 50 Hosts Conclave 2000 at Sequoyah

By Red Feather Herald Staff

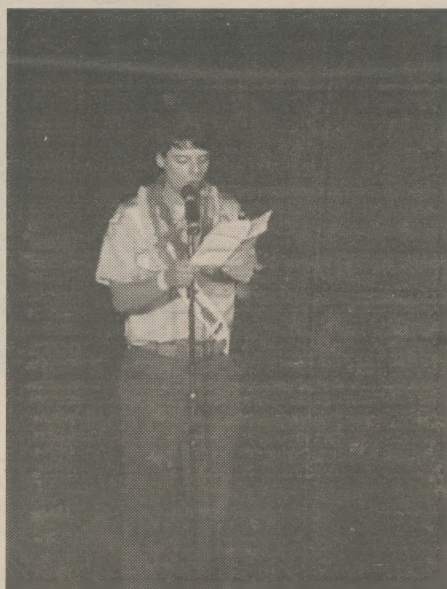
Coosa Lodge 50 hosted the annual Section SR-8B conclave on April 14 - 16 at Camp Sequoyah, where 385 Order of the Arrow members from the 6 lodges in Alabama and the Florida panhandle met for fellowship, competition, and exchange of program ideas. Coosa's 178 staff and participants worked hard to make sure their guests had a memorable and meaningful experience.



Prior to the event, the Lodge held 2 work weekends to get Camp Sequoyah ready for the conclave. Campsites were cleared of winter fallout, and buildings were cleaned, which helped ready the camp for summer.

Coosa Lodge fared well in competition; the Lodge won first place in the game Wischixen, a unique cross between soccer and football.

At the Section Officer elections, Coosa's Seth Hill was elected Section Chief - the first Section Chief from our new lodge.



Coosa also took 3rd place in the ceremony competition, and Charlie Simmons, William Hayes, David Schmidt, and



Kevin Pocus took home individual awards in ceremony competition and Native American dance competition.

With the conclave now history, Coosa is now focusing on the scheduled 5 Ordeal Weekends, which will provide service to each of the council's camp properties. The Lodge Executive Committee will also continue the task in our first year of improving lodge organization and communication. One priority is the lodge database: if you are a dues-paid OA member and have not been receiving your OA-related mail, please contact Shelley in the council office to correct the database.



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Charter Member Knives have arrived!

By Dr. James Flatt

The Coosa Lodge special edition Charter Member knives have been received, and will be first available at the upcoming Ordeal weekend at Comer on June 2 - 4. These knives were a pre-order item, and were first offered at the Spring Fellowship. If you placed an order, you may pick up your order through the Trading Post at the Ordeal - the cost is \$20 each. A few extras were

ordered, and these will be on sale to Charter Members through the Trading Post at this Ordeal as well. After these sell out, if there is enough interest to make the minimum required order number, they will be reordered, and a pre-order form will be available at the Trading Post. **Get 'em quick, 'cause they're sharp!**

Jackson Hi-AdVenture Base Needs Staff

By Charlie Thorpe, Base Director

The Jackson Hi-AdVenture Base at Camp Jackson will begin operation this summer, offering high adventure Scouting to senior Scouts attending Camp Sequoyah or Comer this year. Staff members are still needed in areas of Paddling Treks, Caving, and Rock

Climbing, so if you have an interest in working with this new and challenging program, please contact Charlie Thorpe at email: charliethorpe@worldnet.att.net, or through the council office at 1-888-490-8955.

Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow Planning Underway

By Mickey Morris, Fellowship Committee Adviser

The annual Coosa Lodge Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow is slated for the weekend of October 6 - 8 at the Jackson Hi-AdVenture Base, and the fellowship committee is currently working toward making this a weekend for all lodge members to enjoy and remember. Training, Dancing, Fellowship, Lodge and Tribe elections, Vigil recognition, Patch trading, Viewing the new Jackson Hi-AdVenture Base, and good old Coosa fellowship are but a few of the reasons

you won't want to miss this big event!

If you have an interest in working with the planning committee, please contact Mickey Morris at email: netsurfr@hiwaay.net, or Bryan Merry, committee chairman, at email: data1701db@bigfoot.com. Also, if you have a patch idea or design for the event, please forward it to the lodge adviser by July 1. Mark your calendar, and watch for more news of this big gathering of our great lodge!

E-Mail Directory

By Massey Griffin

Our lodge e-mail directory is currently up and running. If you have not submitted your information to us, please do so. Send your name, e-mail address, and chapter name to Massey Griffin at

coosa_sec@hotmail.com. Also, indicate if you are a youth or adult member. Please help us expand our database by doing so.

Request for Nomination for Lodge Office 2000 - 2001
Coosa Lodge 50 WWW
Greater Alabama Council

As per the Coosa Lodge 50 Lodge Rules, any member who wishes to be considered for Lodge Office must submit this completed form to the Lodge Officer Nominations Committee by or at the August 25 - 27 Ordeal weekend at Camp Comer. The Committee will meet that weekend to establish a slate of officers to present to the Lodge at the General Meeting at the Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow on October 6 - 8 at Camp Jackson.

After completion, mail this form to:

Seth Hill
2468 Waid Circle South
Southside, AL 35907

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Tribe: _____ Chapter: _____

Unit: _____

Scouting Experience

Rank in Scouting: _____

Troop Leadership: (Offices held, etc.) _____

Ordeal Date and Place: _____

Brotherhood Date and Place: _____

Vigil Honor Date and Place: _____

OA Participation - (offices held, NOAC or NLS attendance, Chapter/Tribe/Lodge service or committee participation, Ordeals, etc. -- please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

Please also submit a short summary of your reasons for wanting to serve in the requested office.

I hereby request consideration for the Office of _____
for the Coosa Lodge 50 WWW for the 2000 - 2001 term.

signature

Nature Conservancy in Alabama

By Mr. Glenn Creamer

Since 1989, The Nature Conservancy of Alabama and its members have been working to protect Alabama's rich natural heritage. Working together, they have protected tens of thousands of acres of Alabama's unique ecosystems. These lands are situated in 29 different properties scattered across the state. Of that total, 14 sites are located within the boundary of the Greater Alabama Council. The northeast corner of the state is a hot spot which contains 13 of these ecosystems.

Currently, more than 120 species of plants and animals are considered rare or threatened in Alabama. Our state is experiencing unprecedented growth, and the increase in development and population will create even greater pressure on our natural areas.

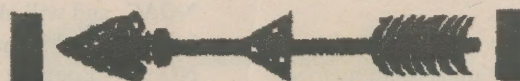
The Nature Conservancy is an international, nonprofit conservation (not environmental!) organization dedicated to preserving rare plants, animals and natural communities by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Using a cooperative, business-like, non-confrontational approach, The Nature Conservancy has created the largest private system of nature sanctuaries in the world.

The Alabama Chapter hosts conservation day projects throughout the

year on its properties so volunteers can personally work to safeguard the state's rich biological heritage. Work parties generally take place from 10:00 - 3:30 with a lunch break and field trip highlighting the area's unique biodiversity. Conservancy staff will provide bug repellent, sunscreen, soft drinks and snacks, such as fruit, chips and cookies. Volunteers are asked to bring a brown bag lunch, as well as a hat and gloves. Typical projects include fire break preparation, fence work, vegetation clearing, and exotic species control.

The spring schedule includes 1 work project on May 27 in our council. It will be at the Chitwood Barrens in DeKalb County. The main task is fence work. This could be an opportunity for those Arrowmen who enjoy being outdoors and need service hours for Star or Life ranks. Or, Arrowmen could apply their volunteer hours towards the National OA One Day of Service.

If you wish to volunteer for the May 27 detail, call Mr. Keith Tassin, Land Steward, at (w) 205/ 251-1155 (the chapter headquarters in Birmingham). Alternatively, you might check out The Nature Conservancy on the internet. Go to <http://www.tnc.org>.



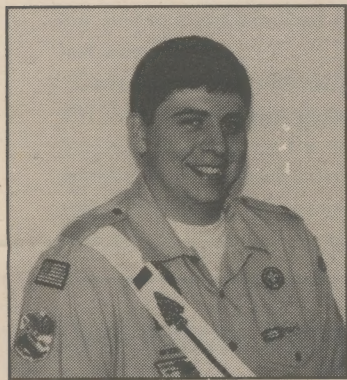
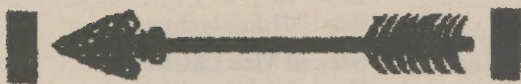


Editorial

By A.J. Blount

Brothers,

I would like the "Red Feather Herald" to be the best newsletter out there. In order to do this I have to have support from the OA members. It doesn't take much to submit an article. All you have to do is contact me at either by the web at Crasher000@hotmail.com or by phone at 205-663-3806. In addition, I would like to take time and thank all of you who have help make this newsletter run. Just to thank a few I would like to thank: Chad, Mr. Creamer, Dr. Flatt, and all the other people that make this newsletter run smoothly. Thank you and God Bless.



From The Lodge Chief

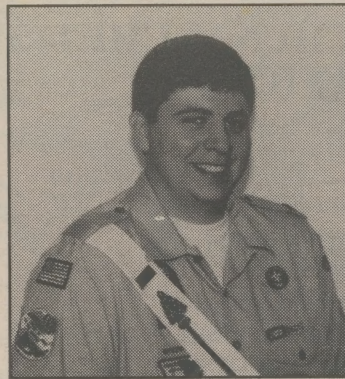
Brothers,

I want to take a few minutes and congratulate each of you on a job well done at Conclave. I can not begin to tell you how much I appreciate all of the hard work that went into making Conclave 2K a smashing success. Granted, we had a few mishaps here and there, but that's ok. We'll make notes so that our successors can try to top our efforts (I don't think that will be possible, but I guess I'm a bit biased). Once again, thank you so very much for a job well done.

I know that we just got through a major challenge, and I do think that a small break is needed, but remember, there are bigger and better challenges that we need to tackle. I need for each of you to take a look at your committee's goals and start working on them so that we can continue our "winning streak" as we move along in our first year. So far, everything has gone our way, but we need to keep working so that come October, there is a solid foundation of success and pride that the future officers and committee chairmen can build upon.

I would like to see each of us contribute articles for The Red Feather Herald. After all, it is our primary means of communication with other members of our Lodge and it would be outstanding if we can load the 'Herald with information about our tribes, our committees, functions, etc. etc. Please contribute articles to A.J. Blount as soon as possible.

Before I sign off, I would like to (once again) extend my heartfelt congratulations to Seth Hill on becoming the first Arrowman from Coosa to be elected to the office of Section Chief. I hope that this sets a precedent for us to follow, seeing as how we are the largest, and by far the greatest lodge in SR-8B. Once again, Congratulations Seth.



David Self Lodge Chief

David Self is a nineteen year old college freshman at Auburn University majoring in History with goals of being a college professor. He is an Eagle Scout and is a recipient of the William T. Hornaday Conservation Award. He has served as the Lodge Chief of Cherokee Lodge and served on the Merger Committee. He attended the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference held at Iowa State University, the 1998 National Leadership Seminar, and the 1999 National Leadership Summit in Fort Collins, Colorado. His goals for Coosa Lodge's first year include attaining Quality Lodge Status and increasing Service to the Council. He is currently serving as Lodge Chief and Section SR-8B One Day of Service Coordinator. Some of his hobbies include reading, writing, and playing chess.

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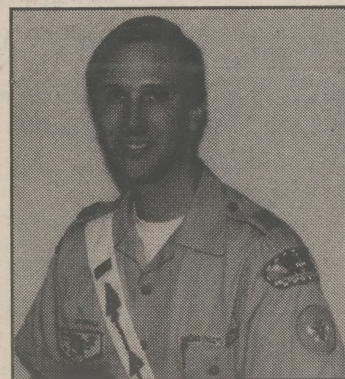
Justin Munday Second Vice Chief

Justin Munday is a Life scout, and a former member of the Kaskanampo Lodge 310 where he received his Vigil honor in 1999. He is now a member of Coosa Lodge, he serves as 2nd Vice Chief. He has worked as a staff member at Comer Scout Reservation for four years and has also held Lodge positions, such as publications chairman, chapter chief and 2nd Vice Chief.



Massey Griffin Lodge Secretary and Publications Chair

Massey Griffin is a sixteen-year-old high school student from Heflin, Alabama. He is a junior at Faith Christian High School in Anniston, Alabama. Massey is in the Who's-Who Among American High School Students. He received the Eagle Scout Award and the Vigil Honor in May of 1999. He worked at Comer Scout Reservation this year as a waterfront staff member. He has served as second vice-chief of Achunanchi Lodge. He attended the 1998 National Order of the Arrow Conference at Ames, Iowa and the 1999 National Leadership Summit at Fort Collins, Colorado. He is now the secretary of Coosa Lodge. He enjoys working with computers and playing the guitar.



James A. Flatt, MD Lodge Advisor

Dr. Flatt is an Eagle Scout, and former Lodge Chief of Pellissippi Lodge, where he received the Vigil Honor in 1977. He served on the National Conference Committee for the first NOAC at the University of Tennessee in 1977, and has served on NOAC Staffs in Training and Administration on several occasions. He has also served on several National Leadership Seminar Staffs, as well as the 1989 National Jamboree Staff. He currently serves the Greater Alabama Council as Vice-President of Camping.

More lodge officer bios coming up in the next issue

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Coosa Lodge Fifty 2000 Calendar

May 3	TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M. Birmingham Scout Office
June 2-4	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend - Camp Comer
June 3	LEC Meeting - Camp Comer 1:00 P.M.
June 6	TEC Kaskanampo Meeting - 7:00 P.M. Huntsville Scout Office
June 23-25	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend - Camp Jackson
July 14-16	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend - Camp Westmoreland
July 15	LEC Meeting - Camp Westmoreland 1:00 P.M.
July 29 - August 3	NOAC - University of Tennessee, Knoxville
August 2	TEC Cherokee Meeting -7:00 P.M. Birmingham Scout Office
August 8	TEC Kaskanampo Meeting -7:00 P.M. Huntsville Scout Office
August 25-27	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend - Camp Comer
September 6	TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M. Birmingham Scout Office
September 15-17	National Leadership Seminar - Brandon, Mississippi
September 15-17	Ordeal / Brotherhood Weekend - Camp Winnetaska
October 4	TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M. Birmingham Scout Office
October 6-8	Coosa Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow - Camp Jackson
November 1	TEC Cherokee Meeting - 7:00 P.M. Birmingham Scout Office

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